

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of monitoring ~~the provision~~ welfare of a child in a welfare system ~~services to a child~~ using a case ~~child~~ identification card and a computer system configured to track events occurring in life of the child and interface with a plurality of stakeholders, the method comprising:

receiving child update information on the child from a reporter observing the child using via the case ~~child~~ identification card;

determining a location of the child via a location device in the proximity of the child;

~~collecting child status information from a reporter observing the child;~~

storing the child update information and ~~[[,]]~~ the location information of the child, ~~and the child status information in the computer system a central database;~~

receiving welfare benefit payment information related to the child, the welfare benefit payment information comprising information related to a benefit payment received from the welfare system for the child;

storing the welfare benefit payment information together with the child update information and the location information in the computer system; and

~~monitoring wellness of the child based on the child status information to
determine whether abuse or neglect of the child has occurred; and~~

~~providing a report based on the stored child update information and the
wellness of the child~~

integrating the child update information, the location information, and the
welfare benefit payment information in the computer system such that the computer
system provides a centralized system for the plurality of stakeholders to monitor
physical welfare and financial welfare of the child.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4 [[1]], ~~further comprising~~
~~collecting~~ wherein the reporter information comprises ~~about the reporter that includes~~ at
least one of a case identifier, a Personal Identification Number (PIN) of the reporter, a
reporting terminal's identifier, and a GPS location of the reporting terminal.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4 [[1]], wherein the child status
information comprises ~~includes~~ at least one of a health of the child, a status of the child,
information about the child's environment, and a picture of the child.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the child update
information comprises ~~further includes a time and a date~~ child status information and
reporter information.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~further comprising the computer system is configured to periodically scan scanning~~ the stored child update information to verify that child update ~~status~~ information is being received on a periodic basis.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 5, further comprising generating a child alert if a predetermined time period passes without receiving the child update information ~~the child status information is not received on the periodic basis.~~

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, further comprising sending the child alert to the reporter ~~a foster parent or group home responsible for the child if the child update information is not received within a first predetermined basis.~~

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, further comprising sending the child alert to the plurality of stakeholders ~~child welfare services~~ if a second predetermined time period passes without receiving the child update information ~~the child update information is not received within a second predetermined basis.~~

9. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising processing payments based on the child update information.

10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising providing the case identification card to the child.

11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving a scan of the case identification card.

12. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the child update information is received using an interactive voice response system.

13. (Currently Amended) A system for monitoring ~~the provision~~ welfare of a child in a welfare system ~~services to a child~~, comprising a ~~child~~ case identification card and a child services computer configured to track events occurring in life of the child and interface with a plurality of stakeholders, the computer comprising:

a memory;

a database; and

a processor coupled to the memory and the database, the processor configured

to:

receive child update information on the child from a reporter observing
the child via the case child identification ~~services~~ card;

determine a location of the child via a location device in the proximity of the child;

~~collect child status information from a reporter observing the child;~~

store the child update information and[[,]] the location information of the child, ~~and the child status information~~ in the database;

receive welfare benefit payment information related to the child, the welfare benefit payment information comprising information related to a benefit payment received from the welfare system for the child;

store the welfare benefit payment information together with the child update information and the location information in the database; and

~~monitor wellness of the child based on the child status information to determine whether abuse or neglect of the child has occurred; and~~

~~provide a report based on the stored child update information and the wellness of the child~~

integrate the child update information, the location information, and the welfare benefit payment information to provide a centralized system for the plurality of stakeholders to monitor physical welfare and financial welfare of the child.

14. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 16 [[13]], wherein the ~~processor is further configured to receive~~ reporter information comprises about the

~~reporter that includes~~ at least one of a case identifier, a Personal Identification Number (PIN) of the reporter, a reporting terminal's identifier, and a GPS location of the reporting terminal.

15. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 16 [[13]], wherein the child status information comprises ~~includes~~ at least one of a health of the child, a status of the child, information about the child's environment, and a picture of the child.

16. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 13, wherein the child update information comprises ~~further includes a time and a date~~ child status information and reporter information.

17. (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein the processor is further configured to scan the stored child update information to verify that child update information is being received on a periodic basis.

18. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 17, wherein the processor is further configured to generate a child alert if a predetermined time period passes without receiving the child update information ~~the child update information is not received on the periodic basis~~.

19. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 18, wherein the processor is further configured to send the child alert to the reporter ~~a foster parent or group home responsible for the child if the child update information is not received within a first predetermined basis.~~

20. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 18, wherein the processor is further configured to send the child alert to the plurality of stakeholders ~~child welfare services if a second predetermined time period passes without receiving the child update information the child update information is not received within a second predetermined basis.~~

21. (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein the processor is further configured to process payments based on the child update information.

22. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 13, further comprising a reader device for reading the case identification card associated with the child.

23. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 22, further comprising a camera configured to obtain a photograph of the child associated with the case identification card.

24. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 13, wherein the system further includes an interactive voice response system configured to receive the child update information.